

# Why is Amnesty International protesting outside the Vietnamese Embassy in London?

**To celebrate the release of Truong Quoc Huy after five years in prison.** His “crime” - talking politics online and distributing leaflets supporting the pro-democracy movement.

**To demand the release of Nguyen Xuan Nghia, Tran Huynh Duy Thuc and many others.**

**Nguyen Xuan Nghia**, aged 60. Sentenced to **6 years in prison** for asking for peaceful democratic change. A poet, journalist and writer (one of at least 19 writers in prison at the moment). Sentenced (with 5 others) in October 2009 for "propaganda against the Communist system". His health is now deteriorating badly in B14 Labour camp outside Saigon.



*Nguyen Xuan Nghia*



*Tran Huynh Duy Thuc*

**Tran Huynh Duy Thuc**, aged 43. Sentenced to **16 years in prison** for **setting up a blog and study group** entitled “The Change We Need”. An entrepreneur, who started a mobile phone company, he was arrested in 2009. Originally charged with "theft of telephone lines", this was changed to "acting to overthrow the people's Government". After **one day's trial** on 20th May 2010 he was convicted and sentenced. Alleged to have suffered torture and extortion while under arrest, he is now in prison camp B34.

Amnesty International understands that these individuals been imprisoned solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression, they were

- calling for a multi-party state,
- calling for freedom of speech,
- calling for peaceful political change in Vietnam.

Many others have also been arrested and imprisoned for appealing for democracy.

Truong Quoc Huy, now free, has thanked Amnesty International members for their support and asked us to continue pressing for the release of his fellow prisoners.

**We are asking for the *immediate and permanent* release from prison for all these individuals.**

**You can help by sending a letter to the:  
Vietnamese Embassy, 12 Victoria Rd., London, W8 5RD.**